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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS
FROM THE PASTOR'S FAMILY

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GRACE CHURCH VISITOR,

PROGRAMME.

Hymn.....Congregation
Prayer.....
Christmas Greeting....Robert Bittner
Song—"Christmas Tree Committee".....Primary School
The Christmas Story....Mildred Smith
The Shepherd's Vision....Zola Ruby
Phebe's Tree.....Esther Fritz
Chorus.....Orphans
A Garden of Toys....Fern Masterson
Poor Santa Claus.....Richard Weller
Merry Christmas..Verna Klinkenberg
Chinese Song.....Boys
I Want So Much on Christmas.....Clayton Hetrick
I Am Not Afraid.....Esther Bituer
The Christ Baby....Mildred Seibold
World Wide Christmas....Inez Sharp
As the Everlasting Mountain..
.....Esther Weiler
Solo—"Christmas Stocking....
.....Esther Kessler
Recitation.....Ruth Moore
I'll Bring My Dollie.....Little Girls
The Little Outcast....Icy Masterson
Chorus.....Orphans
Solo.....Georgie Smith
I Wonder Why?.....Esther Kessler
Chorus—Shining...Intermediate Girls
A Christmas Song.Laura Klinkenberg
Solo.....Ruth Gumpfer
Recitation and Lullaby.Lucile Seibold
Only a Fair Young Mother....
.....Alma Ruck
Solo.....Chirrel Druckenbrod
Chorus—Sunbeams of the Heart
.....Young Ladies
Our Gift.....Ruth King
Solo.....Anna Heyman
Exercise—The Shepherds.....

"It is coming, old earth, it is coming
tonight;
On the snowflakes which cover thy
sod
The feet of the Christ shall fall gentle
and white,
And the voice of the Christ-Child tell
out with delight
That mankind are the children of God
"On the sad and the lonely, the wretched
and poor,
The voice of the Christ-Child shall
fall;
And to every blind wanderer open the
door
Of a hope that he dared not to dream
of before,
With a sunshine of welcome for all."

—Phillips Brooks.

At a meeting of the consistory held Sunday afternoon, Dec. 16, the following nominations were made for the election at the annual meeting on New Year's morning. Elders: Walter F. Close, C. H. Gumpfer, Harry Vodermark, William Hilbush. Deacons: Harry Metzner, Geo. Gemmer, Alfred Barbier, Calvin Hosler. Financial Secretary: W. A. Hobson. Treasurer: W. F. Close. The consistory also took action in reference to the reorganization of the choir, referring the matter to the committee on music with full authority to act. The committee as now constituted is as follows: W. A. Hobson, W. F. Close, B. Hattie, Mrs. Frank Leikauf and Mrs. C. H. Gumpfer.

Mrs. Parent of East Washington St. has been to the St. Joe Hospital for an operation, she is doing very well.

NEW YEAR'S SUPPER.

The young men held their business meeting for December, at the home of D. F. Knot. They had a splendid time. At the close of the meeting they were served to a luncheon by Mrs. Knot, assisted by Mrs. Harry Metzner.

In compliance with an action of the consistory a committee was appointed to make preliminary arrangements for the men's supper on New Year's evening. The following are the members of the committee, W. F. Close, Irving Bitner and the pastor.

The following committees were appointed:

Soliciting Committee—Harry Metzner, Wm. Hobson, Barney Hattle, W. F. Close and Irving Bitner.

Waiters—Head waiter, Henry Kessler; Harry metzner, Flint Knott, A. Barbier, W. G. Page, A. E. Maines, B. G. Maines, Barney Hattle, George Ruck, Albert Klingenger, Louis Wilkening, Wm. Hilbush, George Gemmer, Frank Hilgeman, Wm. Rudisill, Carl Kessler, J. A. Hetrick, Albert Wertman, C. Hossler, W. Walters, Ed. Close, John Sessler, Louis Martin, C. Rogers, H. P. Dinger, Wm. Dreibelbiss, Jesse Benton, George Smith, D. Mullen, C. Rogers, Harry Vordermark.

Carving Com.—Frank Leikauff, S. Dukeman and John Ruck.

Coffee Com.—L. W. Hills, C. H. Gumper and Ed. Hesserd.

Kitchen Com.—Oscar Riley, H. J. Straub, Wm. Martin, Ed. Seibold, Wm. Seibold and Chas. Robinson.

The pastor has been appointed chairman of the reception committee and he will be assisted by the men of

the church not named on the other committees.

MENU.

Roast Veal	Mashed Potatoes	
	Brown Gravy	
Cranberry Sauce	Pickles	
Slaw	Coffee	Etc.

The annual statements have been issued by the financial secretary, and placed in the hands of the members. It is hoped that by the last Sunday in the year Dec. 30, all arrearages will be paid up in full. We confidently hope that the members who gave no pledges this year, will do their full portion in meeting the current expenses of the church. So far the payments on pledges has been very good, quite a number have overpaid their subscriptions. The pledges given for 1906 will stand for the coming year unless some should prefer to make any changes in their subscriptions, if so ask the financial secretary for a pledge card. We hope many will want to change their pledges, there is plenty of room for more liberal giving. Those who had no pledges this year, have been furnished with cards along with their statements, and have been asked to fill them out, and return them as early as possible, to the financial secretary.

The week of prayer begins with the first Sabbath in the new year. Reserve every evening of that week for our special services.

The subscription price of the Visitor is 25 cents a year. Have you paid your subscription for 1906?

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REV. A. ZARTMAN, Editor and Publisher.
Subscription, 25 cents a year in advance.

The Midwinter Communion service will be held Sabbath morning, Jan. 13.

The net receipts of the supper given by Section No. 5, Thursday evening, Dec. 6, were \$32.

Do you want a Church Almanac and Year Book? Speak to the pastor about it; he will furnish you one. They are ten cents.

The Young Men's Committee provided the church with two more handsome collection plates. We know the church appreciates what the young men are doing.

The net receipts of the dinner and supper served by the ladies of the church, during the recent State Convention of the Young Men's Christian Association, amounted to a little more than \$60.

When you have any plumbing to do call up Mr. Hilbush, Home Phone 2381, or see him at his residence, 827 East Wayne St. Mr. Hilbush will do your work at the lowest prices, and guarantees satisfaction.

Mrs. Zartman has just received a letter from Miss Libbie Felker, who is spending the winter with her brother at Carey, Ohio. She is having a very pleasant visit, and wishes to be remembered to the members of Grace Church.

A letter recently came to Mrs. Zartman from Mrs. Charles Bodey, of Reading, Pa., in which she writes of their bereavement in the death of their little son Earl. They feel their loss very sorely, are very lonely and sad without him. Earl was a very good boy, and full of promise. The Lord wants the choicest and sweetest flowers for his garden. We feel very sorry for this family, and we are sure they have the sympathy of their many friends in Grace Church.

How about your penny-a-day box? Did you get one at the beginning of the year? How much have you in your box? If you do not have a box get one, or get your 365 pennies ready. The boxes will be opened Thursday evening Jan. 10. If these boxes will bring in as much this year as last year, the ladies will be able to make very nearly a \$500 payment on the principal of our funded debt. Get your pennies ready by Jan. 10th.

Do not forget the Annual Congregational meeting on New Year's morning at ten o'clock, in the lecture rooms of the church, every member of the church should attend this meeting.

You and your friends are invited to the men's supper on New Year's evening. You have not forgotten what a good supper and a good time you had last year. The supper will be 25 cents.

The pastor's Catechetical Class meets every Saturday afternoon, at two o'clock, in the lecture rooms of the church.

Mrs. Luke Darnell was very ill, but is very much better.

Mrs. Bottger entertained the Woman's Missionary Society Thursday afternoon, Dec. 20.

The Annual meeting of the Women's Aid Society will be held Thursday afternoon, Jan. 3, at three o'clock, at the lecture rooms of the church.

Your penny-a-day boxes are getting anxious. They want to be filled up so that they can give a good account of themselves when they come in on Jan. 10th.

A Peck Williamson underfeed furnace has been installed at the parsonage. So far it has been giving the best of satisfaction. Howard Shordon, 1115 Columbia Ave., is agent for these furnaces.

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TOPICS AND LEADERS.

JANUARY

6. Beginning with God,—Gen. 1: 1; John 1: 14-15; 4: 7. Leader, IRVING BITNER

13. God's Image in Us,—Gen. 1: 26; Col. 3: 1-10. Leader, ELSIE WEIKERT.

20. "More Than Conquerors."—Gen. 3: 4-6; Matt. 26: 41; Rom. 8: 37. Leader, LULU BITNER.

27. The American Indian,—Isa. 43: 16-21. Leader, MISS ANNA DOERMER.

Miss Carrie Quickley, the niece of Mrs. A. R. Hills, has just returned home from an operation at the St. Joe Hospital. The pastor was with her during the operation, she was very calm and brave about it, and got along splendidly.

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